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Applicant	:	Masuhiro Natsuhara et al.	
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Accompanying Request for Continued Examination
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office action, made final and mailed on November 30, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

As a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a), the following amendment accompanies the present RCE. (The RCE is being filed on March 30, 2006 along with a petition for a one-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.